

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Children's Investment Strategy Informed Consent Form (next page)

****Question: Why am I asked to sign this form?***

Answer: Children need safe and constructive activities when they are out of school. That is why increasing the number of quality and affordable programs for children and youth is such an important part of the Mayor's Children's Investment Strategy (CIS). Research tells us that good non-school hours programs help children do better in school. We want to make sure that our programs really are helping our children. To do that, the CIS needs your permission to collect information regarding your child's school performance. We may collect grades, standardized tests, achievement levels, report cards, school attendance, suspensions, and other relevant records.

****Question: Will information about my child be shared with others?***

Answer: We will not report on any individual children. We will not share your child's school information with any individual, group, or agency outside of CIS. We want you to know that your child's school information will be added to the school information from all the other children who participate in your child's CIS program. We will be looking at and reporting on that pool of information, and not at each individual child's progress.

****Question: What am I really agreeing to by signing the form?***

Answer: When you sign the informed consent form you agree:

- To let your child answer questions about the non-school hours program or community.
- To let your child's school give his/her records to the Children's Investment Strategy.
- That the CIS program gave you information about you and your child's rights.
- To not hold the City of Philadelphia, the Children's Investment Strategy, Philadelphia Safe and Sound, Philadelphia Health Management Corporation, and Catholic Social Services responsible for injuries and/or damages to my child's person and/or property.

****Question: Does my signature provide one-time permission or ongoing permission?***

Answer: Your permission remains valid for one year unless you revoke your consent in writing or until your child leaves the non-school hour's program.